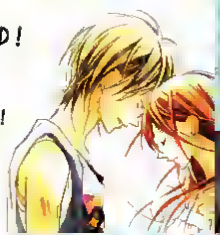
WE'RE RECRUITING!!!
Positions are:
> translator
> editor
> qc-er
> scanner
>Anything else I've forgotten >.<
I'll be happy with any position you can do
I look forward to hearing from you!
I will surely accept you, no matter what skills you have
So come visit me on the forum... I'll be waiting
Don't make me feel lonely
CROSS
http://z9.invisionfree.com/Intercross/index.php

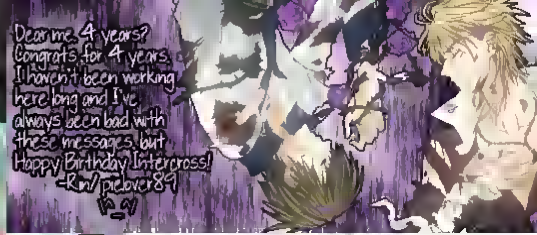
Once again its our anniversary ! :D !

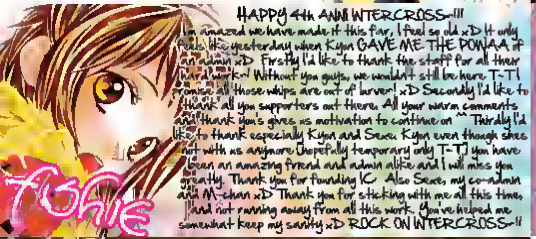
Happy 4th anniversary Intercross !
Time flies when you are having fun and
I had a lot of fun with all the staffs ! :D !
Thank you for all the fun times and
continue to support Intercross ! :D

- Summerflyy



Dear me, 4 years?
Congrats for 4 years.
I haven't been working
here long and I've
always been bad with
these messages, but
Happy Birthday Intercross!
-Rin/ pidover89



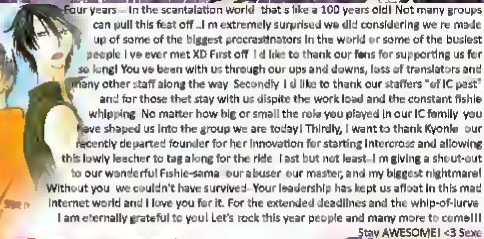


HAPPY 4th ANNIVERSARY!!!
I'm amazed we have made it this far, I feel so old xD It only feels like yesterday when Kyon GAVE ME THE POWAA of an admin xD Firstly I'd like to thank the staff for all their hard work! Without you guys, we wouldn't still be here T-T I promise all those whips are out of luver! xD Secondly I'd like to thank all you supporters out there. All your warm comments and thank you's gives us motivation to continue on ^^ Thirdly I'd like to thank especially Kyon and Sexe. Kyon even though shes not with us anymore (hopefully temporary) only T-T you have been an amazing friend and admin alike and I will miss you greatly. Thank you for founding IC. Also Sexe, my co-admin and M-chan xD Thank you for sticking with me all this time, I'll not running away from all this work. You've helped me somewhat keep my sanity xD ROCK ON INTERCROSS!!

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY INTER HOSS!!!!!! Though I may no longer here, I'm glad that I'm still able to celebrate my wonderful home turn 4 years old. In fact, I'm proud to say I'm probably running my butt off o doing a bajillion push ups xD It'll be quite a few more months from now until I'll be able to use the internet again, but as silly little as they don't know, I'm still able to continue working here. However, the future is never fully predictable, so maybe I will [illegible] me. I would like to thank all of my staff members for sticking with us for a whole 4 years. It has been such a long time. Thank you so much for all you have done for the group, and thank you FISHIE for tolerating me always pestering so much. I'm sorry for being such a stupid Seme. To all you readers out there reading this, I absolutely love you all and I wish I could give you all hugs. VIRTUAL HUG !!! Thank you for supporting us for 4 whole years and keeping us alive. You are the source of our energy. We would like to stay around with our some support from loving fans. Whether it'll be these [illegible] support us, and most of all, I hope this community and team group will flourish [illegible] amazing. Go easy on newcomers Fishie xD Finally, I hope you all enjoy the manga you're about to read. I'm happy to have left my mark here and I am so proud of everyone on this forum. This has been one hell of an adventure that I'll never forget. I love you Kyon Kyon Kyon ~ Ning-ni (temporarily)

Four years -- In the scantalation world that's like a 100 years old! Not many groups can pull this feat off ..I am extremely surprised we did considering we're made up of some of the biggest procrastinators in the world or some of the busiest people I've ever met XD First off I'd like to thank our fans for supporting us for so long! You've been with us through our ups and downs, loss of translators and many other staff along the way. Secondly I'd like to thank our staffers "of IC past" and for those that stay with us dispite the work load and the constant fishie whipping. No matter how big or small the role you played in our IC family you have shaped us into the group we are today! Thirdly, I want to thank Kyonie our recently departed founder for her innovation for starting Intercross and allowing this lowly leacher to tag along for the ride. Last but not least..I'm giving a shout-out to our wonderful Fishie-sama for our abuser our master, and my biggest nightmare! Without you we couldn't have survived. Your leadership has kept us afloat in this mad internet world and I love you for it. For the extended deadlines and the whip-of-lurve. I am eternally grateful to you! Let's rock this year people and many more to come!!!

Stay AWESOME! <3 Sexe



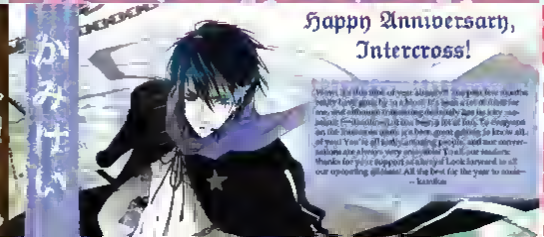
Hey what? Intercross birthday? I can't believe time flies by so quickly don't you think? I just recently joined and still so unfamiliar with the community though I'm interacting with some members. Hahaha! It's still so unbelievable that it has been 4 years? Woah. So long!!

Anyways enough of the chit-chat I wish Intercross a HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY! I'm hoping that the community would last long until FOREVER!!XD Just joking!! But who knows? Someone would continue. Nah! Let's look into the present and that is IC's birthday!! mwahahagazz ^^<3

Thank you for your continuous support to INTERCROSS!

Hey, wish HAPPY ANNIVERSARY INTERCROSS! I hope to spend many more years with you.

Lots of Love,
Ms



Happy Anniversary, Intercross!

Wow, it's this time of year already?! Time goes how exactly? Anyway, going by as a blink! It's been a lot of fun for me, and although I'm missing the whole time in my own [illegible] Shishio, I still have been a lot fun, to support on the [illegible] years, it's been great getting to know all of you! You're all lovely, amazing people, and not overwhelmingly annoying very much at all! Yeah, our leaders. Thanks for your support as always! Look forward to all our upcoming silliness! All the best for the year to come~
-- kazuha

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARU~!!!

Haruuuuu!!! Happy birthday to you! Huh! At least I know I'm older than you... unlike with Kaori-kun... I really thought I was older =_= Anyways, you're such an awesome person! I feel like we've become closer this past year and you're awesome! lol I hope you'll have a LEGEN---- wait for it! DARY! birthday because you honestly deserve it. Your university is a trimester university, so you don't really get that much of a break. Hopefully Fishie doesn't load you up with projects that time around--- well, if not Fishie, I hope school doesn't fill you with homeworks and such. XD It's nice to see we have a mutual friend whom we actually both know (though I honestly only know him by name, but still) so I can track you down when I go there. >) I can't wait til next year, cos I'll for sure be seeing you then! Maybe I can even come over to your house (yes, I'm inviting myself! XD) and look at your manga collection that should be fun. XD Well, have fun today! Or, have fun this year! We're 19 now, and we're not getting any younger =_= Oh well! That's life haha Hope you get everything you want today, it's your birthday! Haha Once again, HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARUUUU! I'd give you Barney & Robin as your birthday gift <3 Who's your fave character btw? ~Nica

Nara-chi,
happy, happy birthday!!
have fun on your birthday,
okay!? >_<
anyways, i wish you all the best!!
gardvatter!
—dark-chan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARUHARU~
You are another year older now YD! I wish you happy birthday and that all your wishes for this year would come true! :3!
~Summerfly

Happy Birthday Haru~! Oh how you make me feel so old now xD Damn you youngsters xD I hope you have such an AWSUM bday today, and that school doesn't totally ruin it for you =_= I AM KAICHOOUUUU!!!! xD Man, I wanna go listen to that again xD It feels like it's been ages since we've had a heaps long conversation, damn university getting in between us <3 xD Hahah, yeah that was just to make Nica jealous because she knows she's just a booty call for me when you are not around xD And whatever she says about me in her message, no promises there because I'm an AWSUM fish like that xD But you know you want to be loaded with work xD Loaded with Shiraishi and Ichikawa goodness <3 We need to talk more about Shiraishi and Ichikawa soon!! You've been wanting Tatari for ages now haven't you? Well it's still not scanned yet, gotta annoy Sece for that one =P Are you still sad you're not editing Love Zipper? There there, at least you're the QCer xD Anyways, you're such an awsum friend and it's been heaps fun chatting and getting to know you. You're also one of the hardest working staff here at Intercross. So thank you for being enticed over to my side <3 xD May there be may more years of slapping and harassment <3 Yea, you know you love it~! Once again, HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARUHARU~!!! presents, wishes and love~! Party down and have fun!! ~ Fishie-sama

Hahah, Nica, my message is longer than yours again~! That's 3 in a row now~! xD [illegible]

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volume 2

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The right wing is Shio
the left is Nao
Let's aim to be professional
musicians together.

Without telling their parents
the two travel to Tokyo
Interested in Shio's voice
a band performing a live on the
street invites her to join them!

Hearing Shio accidentally saying,
"I want to sing" Nao vanishes

Once again all by herself
Shio realizes just how
important Nao is ?!

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A Magic That Will Make Me Fall in Love with You
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Come to the School at Night!
Sweet*Salty*Bittersweet
7th Period is a Secret

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1話目ためし読み
150タイトル以上!
無料待ち受けもいっぱいあるよ♪

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ひといぼっちは
wings of freedom ～自由の翼で～
さみしくて
②

Chapter 7

AN ANGEL CANNOT FLY WITH JUST ONE WING.

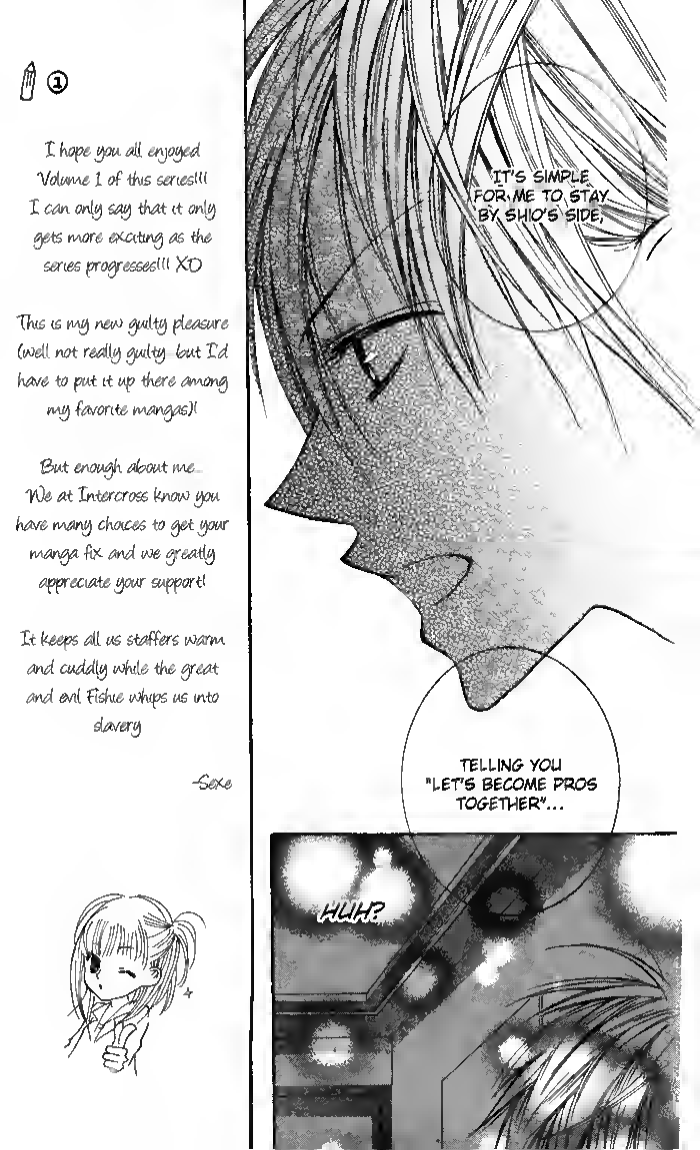
TAKAGI-KUN!!
TAKAGI-KUN!
WAIT!
pant
pant
pant
DO IT. JOIN THEIR BAND.
UM...
I HAVEN'T DECIDED TO BECOME THAT BAND'S VOCALIST

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE FOR YOUR DEBUT.
I CAN'T DO IT IF IT'S NOT WITH TAKAGI-KUN!!!
DIDN'T YOU SAY WE'D DO IT TOGETHER?
WHY...?

THEN, COMPARED TO THAT GUY,
AM I MORE ATTRACTIVE?
IN TERMS OF MUSICAL TALENT,
AND AS A MAN?
WHAT?
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

ARE YOU JEALOUS, TAKAGI-KUN?
WHA—?!
NO WAY!
BECAUSE
"THAT GUY", AND "ATTRACTIVE" ALL YOU'RE SAYING IS STUFF I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
WHY ARE YOU MAKING IT SO SIMPLISTIC?!
Hey!
You know—

I HAVE MY OWN LIFE.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL...
WHAT I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW!



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I hope you all enjoyed Volume 1 of this series!!! I can only say that it only gets more exciting as the series progresses!!! XD

This is my new guilty pleasure (well not really guilty but I'd have to put it up there among my favorite mangas)!

But enough about me... We at Intercross know you have many choices to get your manga fix and we greatly appreciate your support!

It keeps all us staffers warm and cuddly while the great and evil Fishie whips us into slavery

-Sexe

CONTINUING TO PRAISE YOU, SAYING "YOUR VOICE AND SONGS ARE GOOD"...
HUGGING YOU,
KISSING YOU,

SAYING
"I LOVE YOU";
FINDING
A CHANCE TO
PUSH YOU
OVER
AND MAKE
YOU MINE

"I LOVE YOU, SHIO."
——

NO!
WHY?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THESE THINGS?!
stiffen
snap
LIKE I THOUGHT, I'M NOT GIVING THIS TO YOU AFTER ALL.

WAI-
SHIO CAN SLEEP HERE
TAKAGI-KUN...
I'M GOING TO GET ANOTHER ROOM AND SLEEP THERE TONIGHT.
TAKAGI-KUN!!!

(pant)
pant
I DON'T GET IT...
"YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL... WHAT I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW!"

WHY...
HUGGING YOU.
"KISSING YOU."
"AND MAKING YOU MINE."
WHY ISN'T THAT OK?
I DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL...

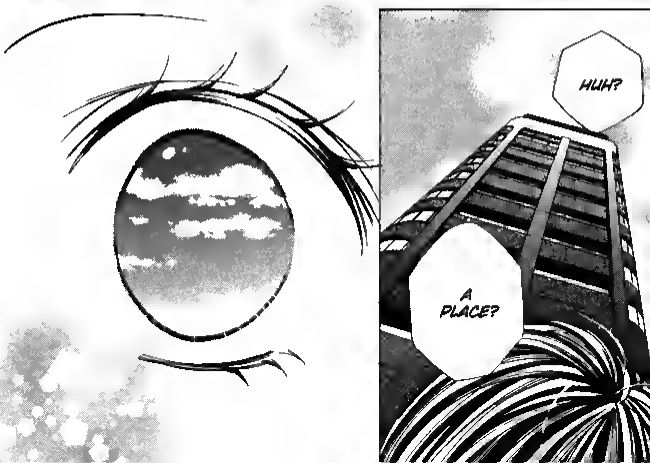
I WONDER WHICH ROOM TAKAGI-KUN STAYED IN?
UM...
I THINK THERE'S SOMEONE AT THIS HOTEL CALLED TAKAGI NAO...
OH, IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TAKAGI-SAMA,
HE CHECKED OUT THIS MORNING.
HUH?!
HE ALSO ASKED US TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.

Use as you want
-Nao
WHY?

CLUB
CLUB
pant
pant
TAKAGI-KUN
HERE
DID THE YOUNG MAN FROM YESTERDAY...
COME HERE>
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT GUY WITH BLEACHED HAIR,
THEN HE HASN'T COME BY.
WHAT TO DO...
HE'S DISAPPEARED!

All because I did something awful
I might have made him distance himself from me
He might have already returned to our town

OVER HERE!
THERE'S A PLACE WE'RE RENTING AS A BAND
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME MORE OVER THERE?

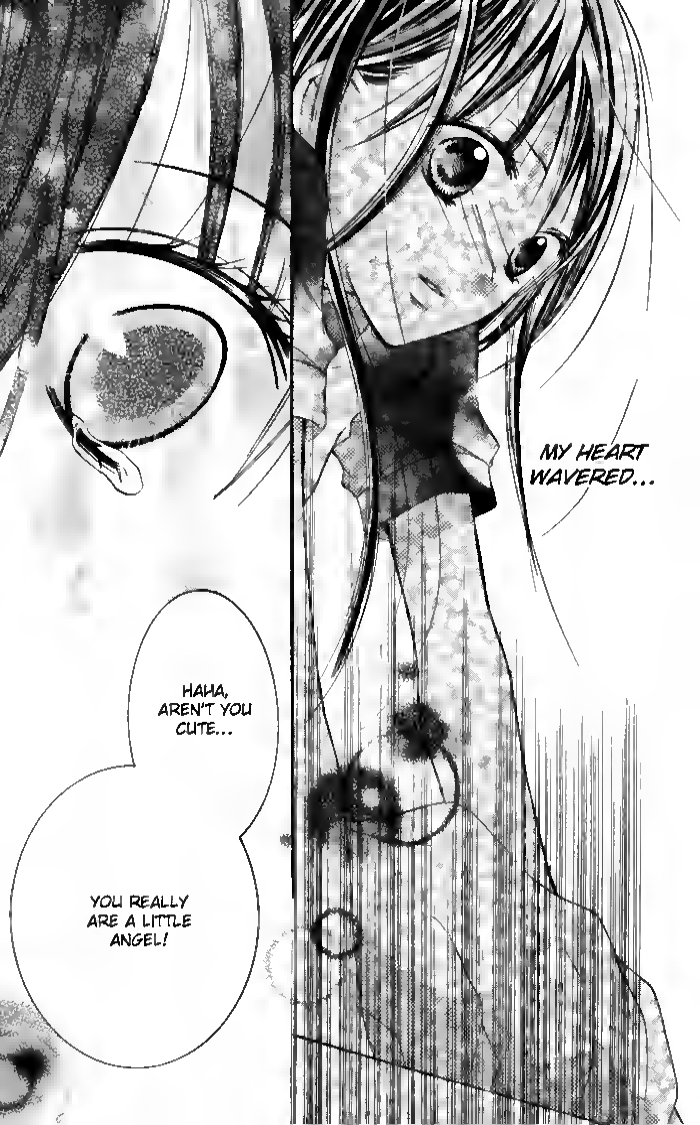

HUH?
A PLACE?

WOW...
WHAT AN AMAZING VIEW!
IT WAS SURPRISINGLY EASY TO GET A GOOD PLACE BY RENTING IT TOGETHER
IT IS, EH?
YOU CAN SEE ALL OF TOKYO!

COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE
IF IT'S OUR LITTLE ANGEL,
YOU'RE WELCOME TO LIVE HERE.
A-
AS IF...
AS IF I WOULD JUST SAY YES.
AS I THOUGHT, I CAN'T BE A MEMBER OF YOUR BAND AFTER ALL.

WHAT?
BUT, HE MIGHT NEVER BE COMING BACK...
BECAUSE YOU BETRAYED HIM-

EVEN IF IT'S JUST AN INSTANT, YOU WAVERED.
I—
YOUR DESIRE TO SING IN FRONT OF PEOPLE WON.
AND YOU CAME OVER TO MY SIDE.
I...
HE'S PROBABLY QUITE HURT.
HURT TAKAGI-KUN ?


MY HEART WAVERED...
HAHA, AREN'T YOU CUTE...
YOU REALLY ARE A LITTLE ANGEL!

kiss
I WANT YOU...
AS A BAND MEMBER.
AND AS A WOMAN.

WHAT ARE...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT...
toss
IF IT WERE ME,

EVEN IF I HAD TO TIE HER DOWN, I WOULD NEVER LET GO OF THE GIRL I LIKE.

NO!
NO!
TAKAGI-KUN!!!
AN ANGEL CANNOT FLY WITH ONLY ONE WING

AGAIN.
I'M ALL BY MYSELF...
whistle
WHAT TO DO...
IN THE WIDE CITY OF TOKYO,

BLUE

Chapter 8

NO!
NO!

WHAT? YOU GUYS HAVEN'T DONE IT YET?
.....
HUH?

"LIKE"...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HMM... SO TAKAGI-KUN LIKES YOU THAT MUCH
IT'S STUPID IF I'M THE ONLY ONE TRYING TO ATTACK YOU
NEVER MIND, I'M STOPPING
WHAT? YOU'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER AND HE HASN'T LAID A FINGER ON YOU.
NORMALLY, A MAN WOULDN'T BE ... TO STOP HIMSELF.
YOU'D REALLY BE MY TREASURE.

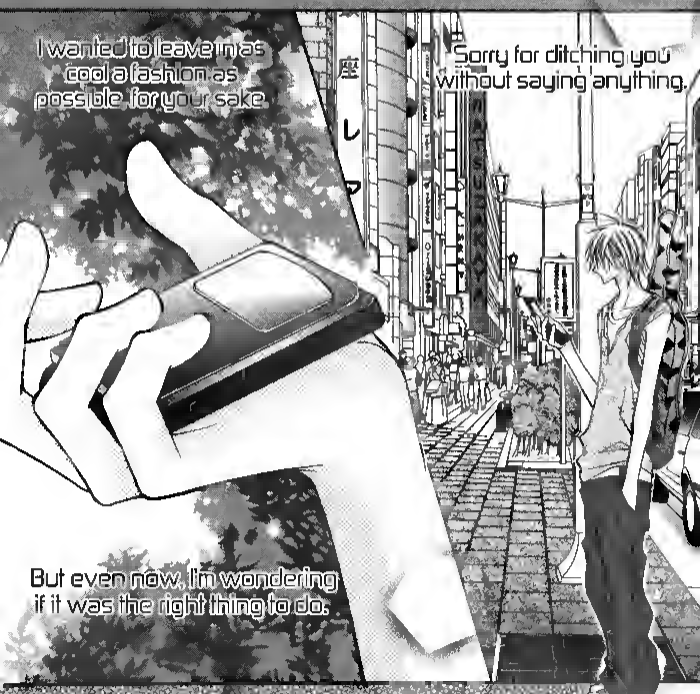
If I'm important..
Then why did he leave me behind?
You really don't understand guys at all...

HE COULDN'T TRUST HIMSELF TO KEEP HIS HANDS OFF YOU ANY LONGER,
SO HE DECIDED TO LEAVE,
IN ORDER FOR YOUR DREAMS TO COME TRUE.

Anyways,
YOUR POCKET'S LIGHTING UP.
AREN'T YOU GETTING A CALL ON YOUR PHONE?
EH?! IT'S MAIL!
FROM TAKAGI-KUN!

...FOR MY SAKE?

[Subject] So Shio's dream may come true!


I wanted to leave in as cool a fashion as possible, for your sake.
Sorry for ditching you without saying anything.
But even now, I'm wondering if it was the right thing to do.

So, in my own way, I'm going to be studying music.

So, when I've grown,
I'll definitely come get you.
STUPID TAKAGI-KUN ...

I DON'T NEED THAT SORT OF KINDNESS.
HEY! WHERE—
LET GO!

I'M NOT GOING TO RUN AWAY!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO
I'M GOING TO GROW, TOO,
SO THAT I CAN CATCH UP TO TAKAGI-KUN!
WHAT'S WITH THAT...?

HOW DEEPLY HAVE THEY ALREADY FALLEN FOR EACH OTHER?
I'LL WRITE A NEW SONG.
I'LL TURN THESE OVERFLOWING FEELINGS INTO A SONG.
BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DONE;

②

その頃のえいきょうで
今でも元気で活発で
スポーツ万能！
なサのコを描きたい！
と思いつづけてるんですが

いざこうやって連載を
もらってみると
大人しくて消極的な
主人公になってしまうのは
なんでしょう

明分 自分がそうだから

かな

大人しい？

かな

いやいや
アホな友達をあつめて
アホなことをやって
遊んだりもしてました

授業をサボって木のぼり
や、そだいゴミの日に
家具をひろいまくって
ひみつきちをつくったり
機嫌をとるなよ

しかし元気だった私も
中3の時 とあるカベに
ぶつかってしまい。

カベ

ずずーん

しっぷく

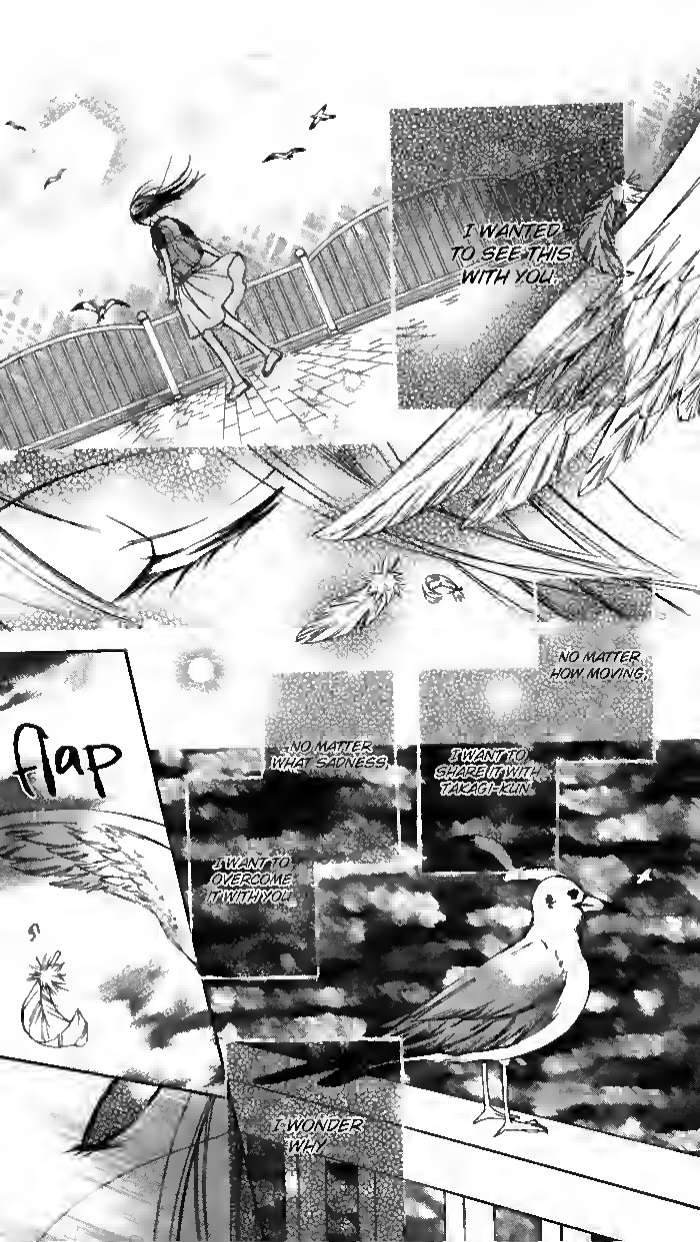
Yukarimome

DAIBA

DAIBA
SEASIDE PARK

BECAUSE I CAN'T
DO ANYTHING
BUT SING.

WOW,
swish
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
IT'S A MYSTERIOUS SIGHT...
IT'S LIKE THE CITY IS FLOATING ON TOP OF THE SEA.
HEY,
TAKAGI-KUN...


I WANTED TO SEE THIS WITH YOU.
NO MATTER HOW MOVING,
flap
NO MATTER WHAT SADNESS,
I WANT TO SHARE IT WITH TAKAGI-KUN.
I WANT TO OVERCOME IT WITH YOU.
I WONDER WHY

I WONDER WHY IT CAN'T BE ANYONE BUT YOU.

beep
ring
ring
ring
YES?
UH...
UM...
So quick...
I...
I'VE WRITTEN A NEW SONG,
WOULD YOU MIND LISTENING TO IT?
SURE...

I'LL LET YOU SING IT AT OUR LIVE TODAY.
WHAT?
NO WAY.
LIVE...

IN SUCH A BIG PLACE ?!

AND, WHAT'S WITH THAT CAMERA?
WE'RE A BAND ABOUT TO DEBUT AFTER ALL.
WE'RE BEING BROADCAST ON THE NET AND ON THE STREETS.
THEN... MAYBE...
TAKAGI-KUN MAY BE LISTENING SOMEWHERE.
BUT IF THIS IS BROADCAST,
THEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A BAND MEMBER.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE ANYMORE
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I WANT TO WAIT FOR TAKAGI-KUN TO COME GET ME.
EVEN IF I'M ALL BY MYSELF.
I DON'T WANT THAT.
BUT...
rattle

I WILL SING!
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!
♪

IT CAN'T BE ANYONE BUT YOU
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY
YOU ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THE WORDS I COULD NOT PUT INTO WORDS
YOU ALWAYS PUSHED ME FORWARD COWARDLY AS I AM

IT CAN'T BE ANYONE BUT YOU
WHO IS THAT? WHAT A BEAUTIFUL VOICE!
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY
AND, THAT'S AN AMAZING SONG, ISN'T IT?

THIS IS A SONG ABOUT LOVE!
A MILLION "THANK YOU'S" PILED UP
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, IT WAS LOVE

WAAA!
SO PLEASE...!
DON'T LEAVE ME ANYMORE!
SHIO...
TAKAGI ...
KUN ...

ALWAYS
STAY BY
MY SIDE.

Chapter 9

DON'T LEAVE ME ANYMORE.

SORRY, BUT I'VE CHANGED MY MIND
I'M TAKING SHIO WITH ME
IS IT OK, GETTING IN THE WAY OF HER DEBUT?
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO LEAVE FOR HER SAKE?
THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY TRUE

PROBABLY, THE ONLY PERSON ABLE TO MAKE SHIO WRITE SUCH A GOOD LOVE SONG...
IS ME
EVEN IF IT TAKES TIME,
I'LL BE THE ONE TO MAKE SHIO'S DREAM COME TRUE.

HEY...
WAI-
YOU'RE GOING TO SING BY MY SIDE.

Snack
? TAKAGI-KUN?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SO WHAT DO WE DO FROM HERE?
I WANT TO DO A STREET SIDE LIVE SHOW! I WANT TO TAKE PART IN AUDITIONS!
HM...BUT,
IF IT'S WITH TAKAGI-KUN, THEN IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER!

HUH?
YOUR PARENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOU TWO
TAKAGI NAO-KUN AND NANAHARA SHIO-CHAN, RIGHT?
NO WAY.

HEY,
WAIT!
SHIO...
THIS WAY!
WHAT TO DO?

TO THINK WE'D BE DISCOVERED THIS QUICKLY.
WE...
IF WE'RE CAUGHT...
NO WAY... A DEAD-END!

THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE FERRIS WHEEL!
WAIT!
slam
...

lifts
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE GOING TO BE CAUGHT ONCE THE RIDE IS OVER
IF WE'RE TAKEN BACK HOME,
WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
I'LL CONVINCE YOUR PARENTS.
IF THAT DOESN'T WORK,
THEN I'LL KIDNAP YOU AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES!
YOU CAN SEE ALL OF TOKYO FROM THIS FERRIS WHEEL..

JUST 15 MINUTES...
PLEASE TAKE THIS 15 MINUTES TO ENJOY THE VIEW.
15 MINUTES LATER AND EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER.
IN THIS TOWN, TOGETHER.
PULL
I REALLY THOUGHT WE HAD A CHANCE TO FLY.
AH!

?!
TAKAGI-KUN.
IN 15 MINUTES, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN FOR A WHILE.
WE CAN'T WASTE EVEN ONE SECOND,
SAY WHAT WE WANT TO SAY
DO WHAT WE WANT TO DO

BEFORE WE PART.
WHAT I WANT TO SAY...
WHAT I WANT HIM TO KNOW...
WHAT?
YOUR FACE SAYS YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY

SAY IT.
I'M ALL EARS.
smile
I...
ACTUALLY, NEVER MIND...
I-IT'S NOTHING!!
Hm
THEN, I GUESS I WON'T GIVE THIS BACK TO YOU!

AHHHH!
AND HERE I WAS THINKING I'D GIVE IT BACK IF YOU'D SAY IT.
IF YOU C N SAY YOUR FEELINGS PROPERLY,
WHAT?
THEN I'LL RETURN IT.
EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS MINE AT ONE POINT!
WHAAAT?!
IT'S NOT SHIO'S... IT'S STILL MINE

NOT A SONG THIS TIME
BUT SHIO'S OWN WORDS.

THAT'S SO SLY OF YOU

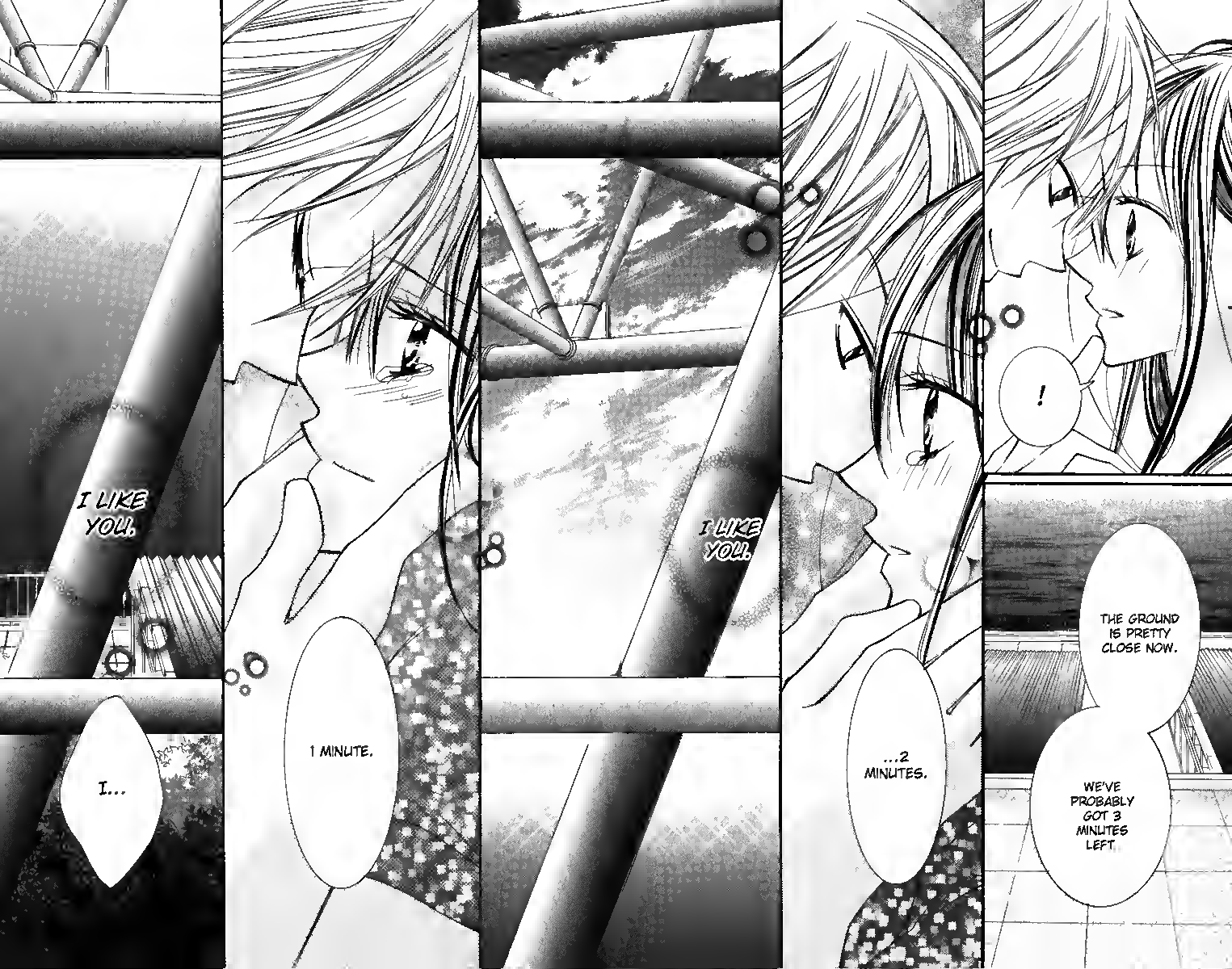
SINCE LONG AGO, WHENEVER I TRIED TO SAY...
IMPORTANT THINGS, OR MY OWN FEELINGS, THE WORDS WOULD STICK IN MY THROAT.
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW I'M BAD AT THAT SORT OF THING.
YOU'VE CHANGED.
YOU'RE NO LONGER THE SHIO FROM BEFORE.
YOU WANTED TO BECOME A SINGER.
AND YOU PUT THAT THOUGHT INTO ACTION.

ISN'T THAT WHY...
WE'RE FLYING UP SO HIGH RIGHT NOW?

I...VE...
CHANGED?

WRITING LYRICS IN MY NOTEBOOK WAS ALREADY MY LIMIT.
BACK THEN, ALL ALONE,
BUT,
TAKAGI-KUN TOLD ME TO SING.
HE TOLD ME COULD FLY FREELY.
HE EVEN BROUGHT ME TO THIS CITY.
AND WITH THOSE LARGE WINGS,

ALL BECAUSE TAKAGI-KUN WAS WITH ME.


I LIKE YOU.
I...
1 MINUTE.
I LIKE YOU.
...2 MINUTES.
!
THE GROUND IS PRETTY CLOSE NOW.
WE'VE PROBABLY GOT 3 MINUTES LEFT

I LIKE TAKAGI-KUN!

ME TOO.
MM.
NOT AS A FRIEND...

I LOVE SHIO.

ぐすっ
GIVING US ALL THIS TROUBLE

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE ELOPING OR JUST RUNNING AWAY.
BUT THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE.

AND JUST LIKE THAT...
OUR WINGS OF FREEDOM WERE TAKEN AWAY.

Chapter 10

Third Interview Room
CLACK
I NEVER THOUGHT...
THAT WE WOULD BE CAUGHT THIS QUICKLY.

DA...
D...
SURPRISE
HE'S GOING TO HIT ME!
SHIO, YOU!
HOW MUCH TROUBLE DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE PEOPLE BEFORE YOU'RE SATISFIED?!

STOP IT!
HUH?
ISN'T IT ALL BECAUSE ..
YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY THAT ALL THIS HAPPENED?

SHIO ISN'T OUR POSSESSION.
SHE HAS HER OWN DREAMS.
SHE HAS THINGS SHE WANTS TO DO!

...UM,
ABOUT TAKAGI-KUN...
OH,
HIS PARENTS DIDN'T COME TO PICK HIM UP.
SO THE CHIEF WENT WITH HIM TO THE AIRPORT TO SEND HIM OFF.
HUH?
I...
WASN'T ALONE AFTER ALL...
CRYING
MOM...
SHE UNDERSTOOD ME...
SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME...

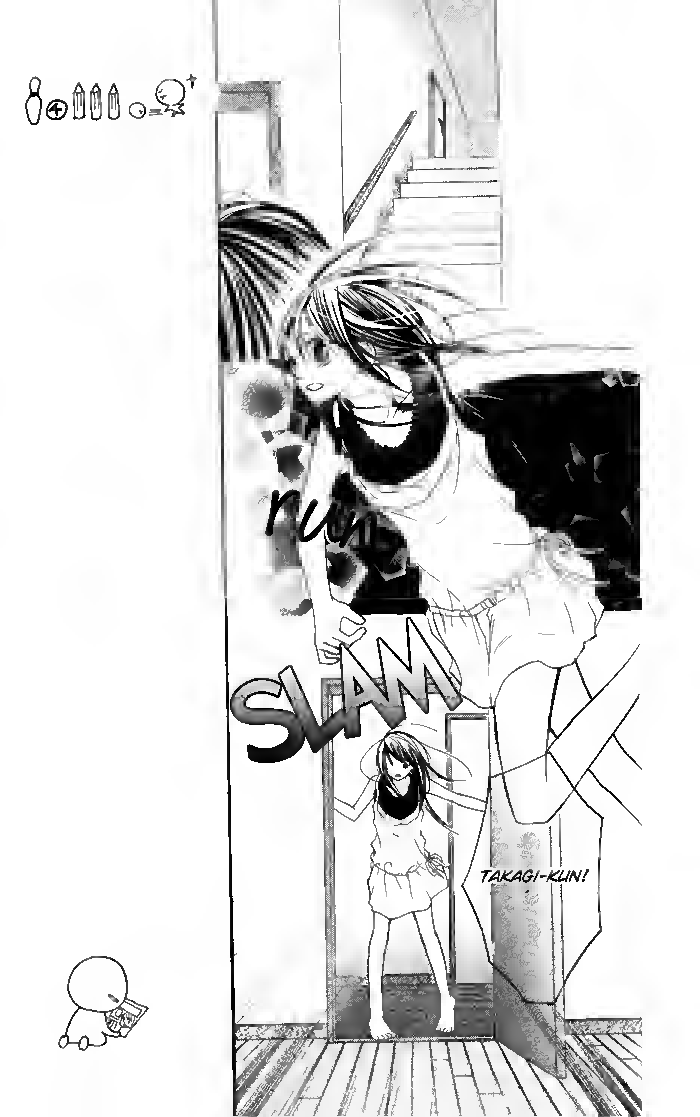
THEY DIDN'T COME...?
SHIO.
WHEN YOU TWO VANISHED,
WE MET WITH TAKAGI-KUN'S PARENTS
THE FATHER SEEMED QUITE COLD AND UNCARING,
IT DIDN'T SEEM NORMAL.
AND THE MOTHER SEEMED SO WITHDRAWN

MAYBE WE SHOULD SIT DOWN WITH THEM AND HAVE A TALK...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
TAKAGI-KUN DOESN'T GET ALONG WITH HIS PARENTS.
HE TOLD ME THAT DURING THAT NIGHT ON THE TRAIN.
ding dong
open
thump

UM. .
OUR DAUGHTER WAS SO MUCH TROUBLE DURING THIS INCIDENT.
SORRY,
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT...

IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T BRING UP NAO PROPERLY ...
EVEN THOUGH I MADE SURE ...
THAT HE HAD EVERYTHING HE WANTED
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE!!!

CRY
NO!
WHY DID HE BECOME LIKE THAT?!
TAKAGI-KUN
IS NOT "LIKE THAT"!


run
SLAM
TAKAGI-KUN!

WHAT?
THIS ROOM...
DID TAKAGI-KUN DO THIS?

SLAM
SORRY
BUT RIGHT NOW,
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO BE NICE.

GET OUT.
SHIO.

MAYBE IT'S BETTER...
NOT TO GET TOO INVOLVED WITH TAKAGI-KUN.
MOM'S A LITTLE SCARED...
...YES.
I WAS ALSO, VERY SCARED.

"I HAVE LOTS OF PEOPLE I GET ALONG WITH, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS."
"I'M SOMEONE WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO DO!"
"I'VE BEEN ABANDONED BY MY PARENTS BEFORE."
"IT WOULD BE GREAT IF I COULD JUST ASK..."
"'DO YOU LOVE ME?'"

TAKAGI-KUN'S HEART...
MAY BE MUCH DEEPER AND DARKER...
THAN I HAD IMAGINED.

throw
knock
BUT...

OPENS
rustle
rustle
thump

I came to rescue you,
TAKAGI-KUN.

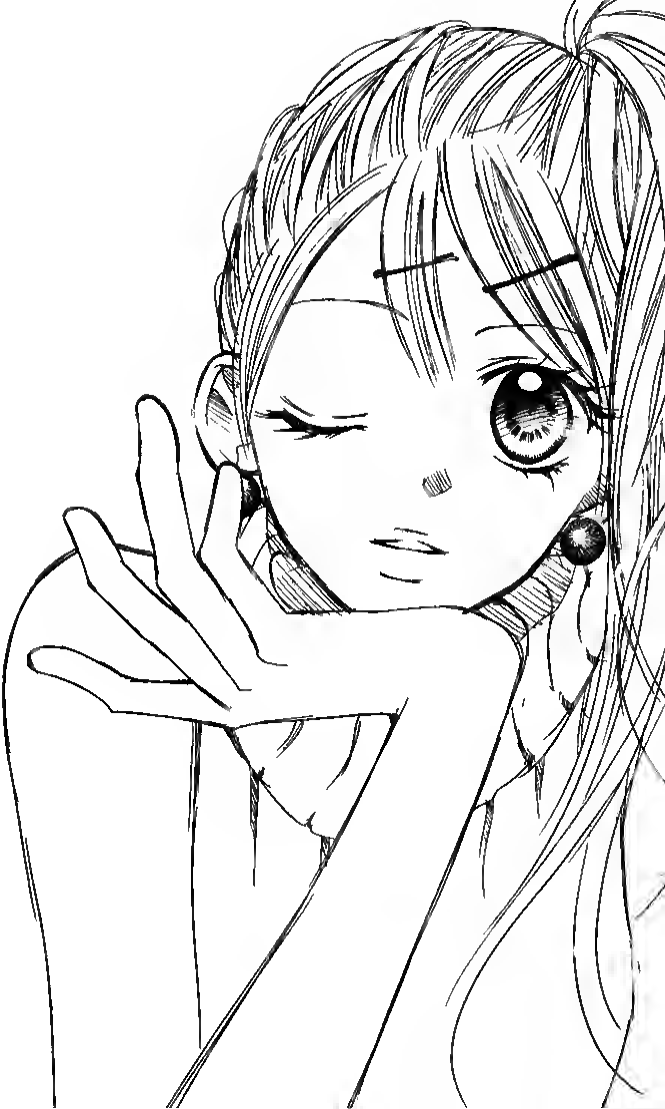
AH!
WHY DID YOU COME?!

I CAN'T CONTROL MY EMOTIONS RIGHT NOW.
I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT I'LL DO...

I'M SCARED.
I FEEL LIKE I'LL DEFILE YOU HERE!

IT'S OK,
DO AS YOU PLEASE.

BECAUSE
I'LL TAKE IT ALL.
SHH...



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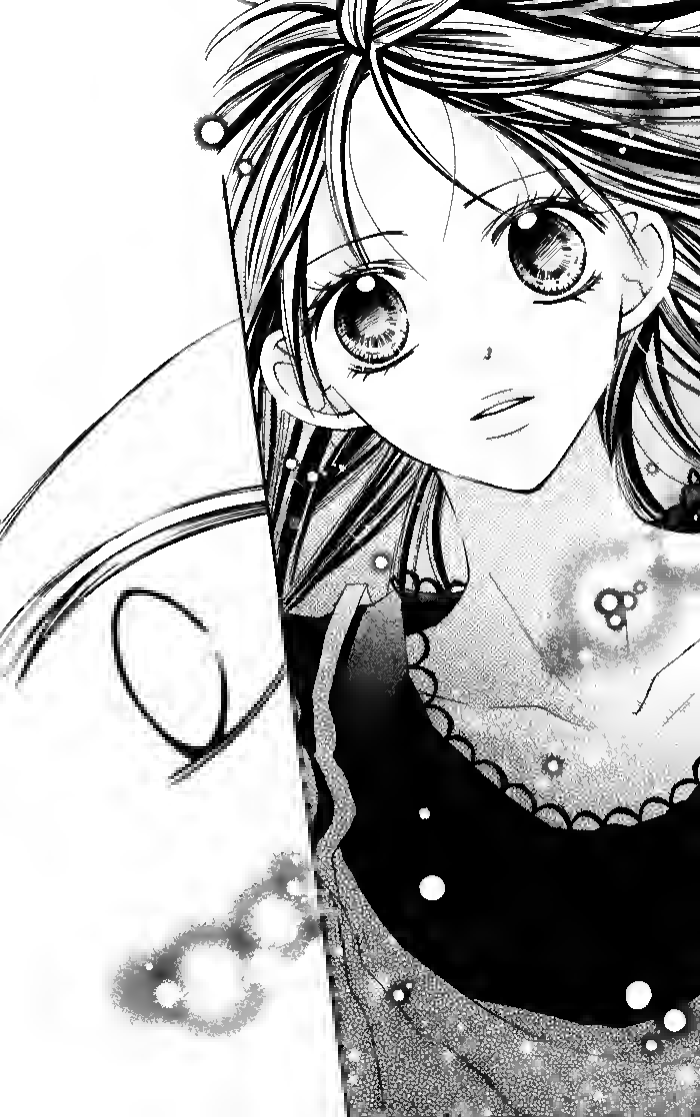
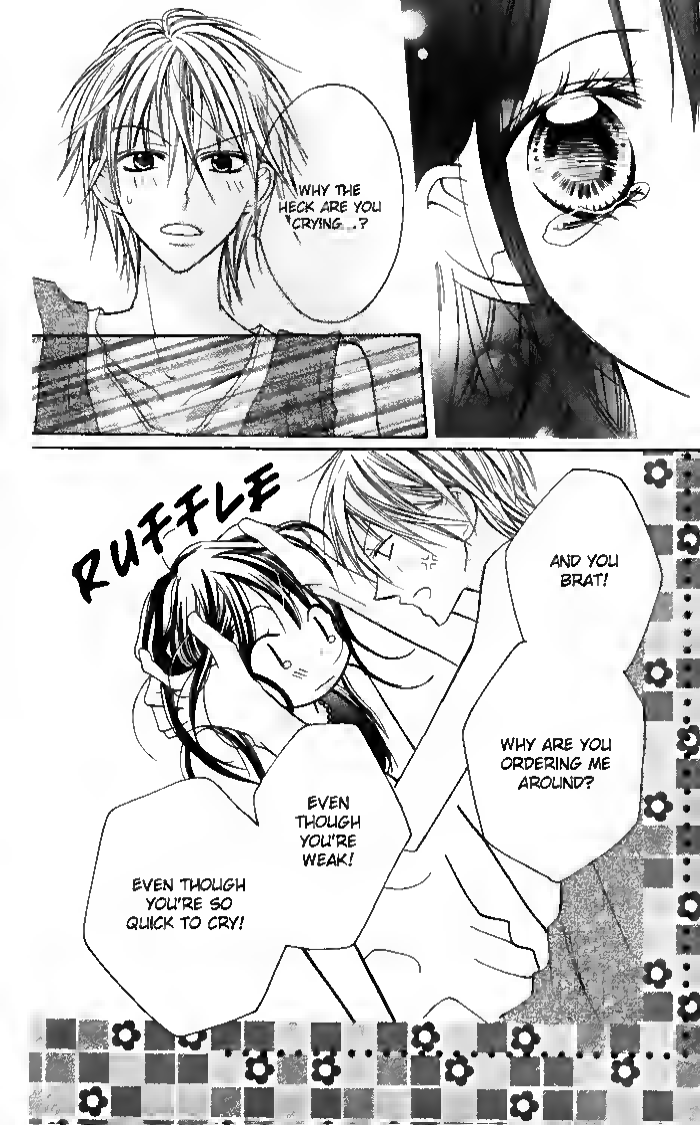


WHY...?
I TOLD YOU, YOU CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE.
IF IT'S TAKAGI-KUN, I REALLY THINK THAT...
I WOULDN'T MIND ANYTHING THAT YOU DO TO ME.

WHY ARE YOU GOING SO FAR FOR ME?
BECAUSE I'M THE SAME AS TAKAGI-KUN.
BECAUSE I WAS ALSO ALL ALONE
SO I UNDERSTAND THAT, AT THOSE TIMES, YOU WANT SOMEONE TO BE KIND TO YOU.

IT'S OK IF YOU SHOW ME EVERYTHING
YOUR PAIN..
..YOUR LONELINESS
I'LL TAKE IT ALL.


WHY THE HECK ARE YOU CRYING...?
RUFFLE
AND YOU BRAT!
WHY ARE YOU ORDERING ME AROUND?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE WEAK!
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO QUICK TO CRY!

TAKAGI-KUN...
BUT...
BUT...
DON'T SAY SUCH BRAVE THINGS..
"TAKE IT ALL"...
STUPID.

SO, SHIO.. I'LL TAKE YOU HOME.
SO WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TODAY?
THANK YOU.
BUT...

I CAN'T LEAVE TAKAGI-KUN ALONE RIGHT NOW,
SO I'LL BE BESIDE YOU THE ENTIRE NIGHT
Aghhhh
She doesn't get it
She absolutely doesn't get it
GEEZ, YOU ..
I CAN'T TELL WHETHER YOU'RE AN ANGEL
OR A DEVIL...

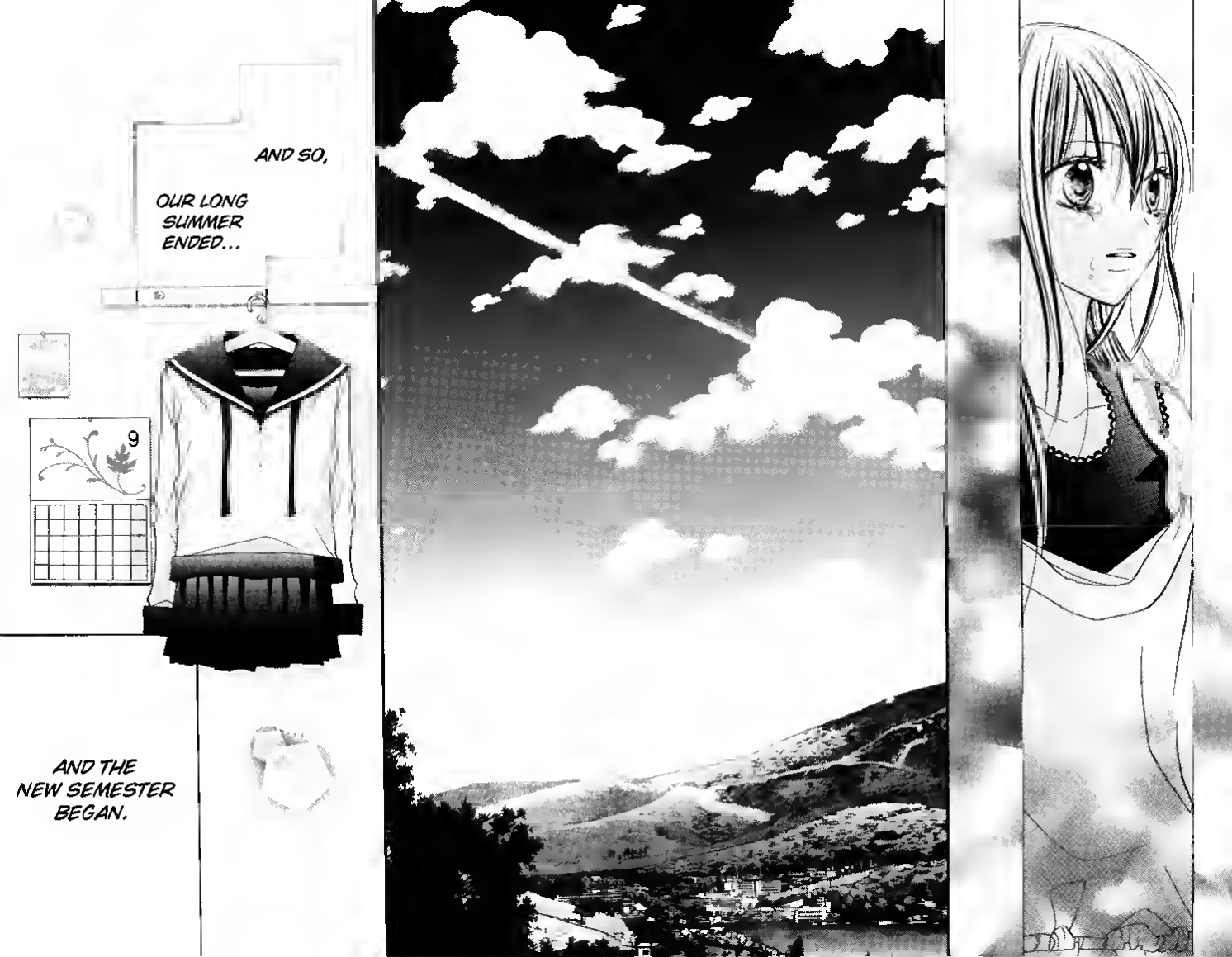
LET'S
SHARE
IT ALL;
THOSE TEARS,
THAT KINDNESS,

EVERY-
THING.
TAKAGI
-
KUN?

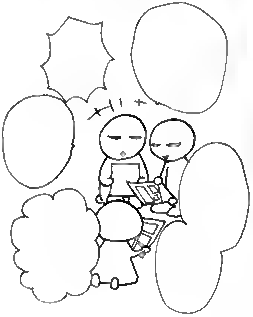
HEY MOM,
UM...THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU!..

DO YOU LOVE ME?
...ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

I LOVE YOU.


AND SO,
OUR LONG SUMMER ENDED...
9
AND THE NEW SEMESTER BEGAN.

TAKAGI-KUN,
ISN'T IT A BIT WEIRD...
COMING TO SCHOOL TOGETHER..?



ARGHHHH

AFTER ALL, BEFORE THE SUMMER THIS WAS COMPLETELY UNTHINKABLE.

EVERYONE WILL BE SO SHOCKED.

THEY PROBABLY WILL,

SINCE SHIO'S NOT WEARING GLASSES ANYMORE AND HAS BECOME SO CUTE

That hairstyle is cute too

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...

INTRODUCING MY NEW GIRLFRIEND SHIO
TO EVERYONE!

A NEW SEASON
FOR THE TWO OF US
SLIDE
WHAT WOULD BE WAITING?

chatter
chatter
THEY CAME TOGETHER...
RUNNING AWAY OVER THE SUMMER ..
SO IT'S TRUE, THEN?
I HEARD THEY WERE ELOPING!
HOW COME EVERYONE KNOWS?
NAO,

EXPLAIN YOURSELF!

DOESN'T THIS MAKE ME LOOK STUPID ...
HAVING QUIT MUSIC FOR YOUR SAKE?!
AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN BROKEN UP YET!

I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?!

THE NEW SEASON...
BROUGHT THE PREMONITION OF A STORM.

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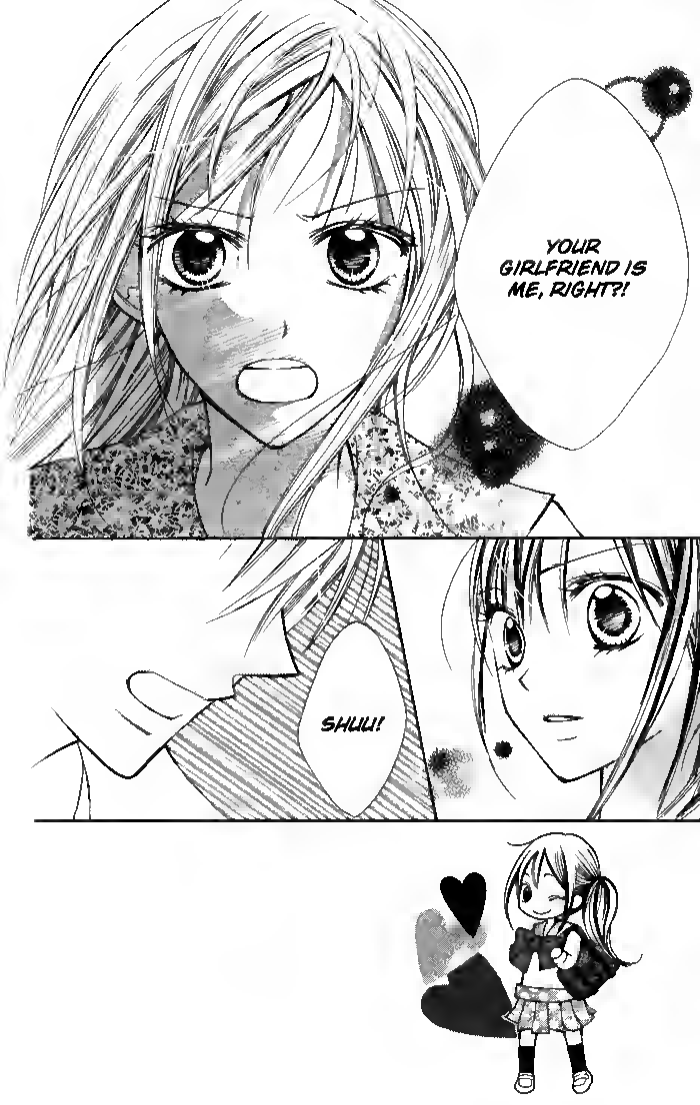

YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS ME, RIGHT?!
SHUU!

OW
SMACK
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID "I CAN'T FOLLOW YOU ANYMORE."
AND LEFT ME...
AND YOU QUIT MUSIC YOURSELF!
...
...WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU.
chatter
chatter

SHIO!
startled

SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU ALONE BACK THERE
LET ME EXPLAIN
EH?
SO THE TWO OF YOU DID MUSIC TOGETHER UNTIL A YEAR AGO?

SHUU PLAYED THE KEYBOARD
YEAH,
WE WERE MEMBERS OF A BAND WE'D MADE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
I CHOOSE MY DREAM...
SHE AND ANOTHER MEMBER...
CHOSE A MORE REALISTIC DREAM.
BUT ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL, WE GOT IN A FIGHT AS TO OUR FUTURE
WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OVER THEN.

WATCHING THE VIDEO OF THAT LIVE PERFORMANCE AND GETTING SO WORKED UP...
MEANS SHE PROBABLY STILL HASN'T GIVEN UP ON MUSIC COMPLETELY THOUGH

SHIO...

WHAT SHE HASN'T GIVEN UP ON
ISN'T MUSIC...
ISN'T IT TAKAGI-KUN?

EX-GIRLFRIEND.

SHIO'S MY GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?

ruffle
Haha ha!
ruffle
You're all red.
You're all red.
THAT'S RIGHT,
I'M TAKAGI-KUN'S "GIRLFRIEND".
I'M GOING TO BUY LUNCH.
SO LET'S EAT TOGETHER IN THE CLASS-ROOM.

whisper
whisper
EH?
BUT, BEING "TAKAGI-KUN'S GIRLFRIEND"...
So this is this "jealousy" thing I heard about...
I WAS GETTING ALL JEALOUS AND UNEASY
THAT'S WHAT IT WAS
3-2
Slides

COULD IT BE...
THAT I'M BEING HATED EVEN MORE?

HEY... SHIO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE TH-

WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
IT COULDN'T BE YOU'RE STILL FEELING UNEASY ABOUT SHOU...
NO!
I'M NOT JEALOUS!
NOTHING LIKE THAT!
THEN
WHY?
...

SOMEONE WITH AS MANY FRIENDS AS TAKAGI-KUN WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND
...SORRY!
MEETING TAKAGI-KUN, GOING TO TOKYO
I THOUGHT I HAD CHANGED
BUT, AS I THOUGHT, I'M STILL SCARED OF COMING TO SCHOOL

I'M SCARED OF BEING HATED!
SHE'S SO WEIRD.
ANNOYING
WHAT IS SHE THINKING?
I CAN'T FORGET THE WORDS...
THAT WOULD MAKE MY BLOOD RUN COLD.

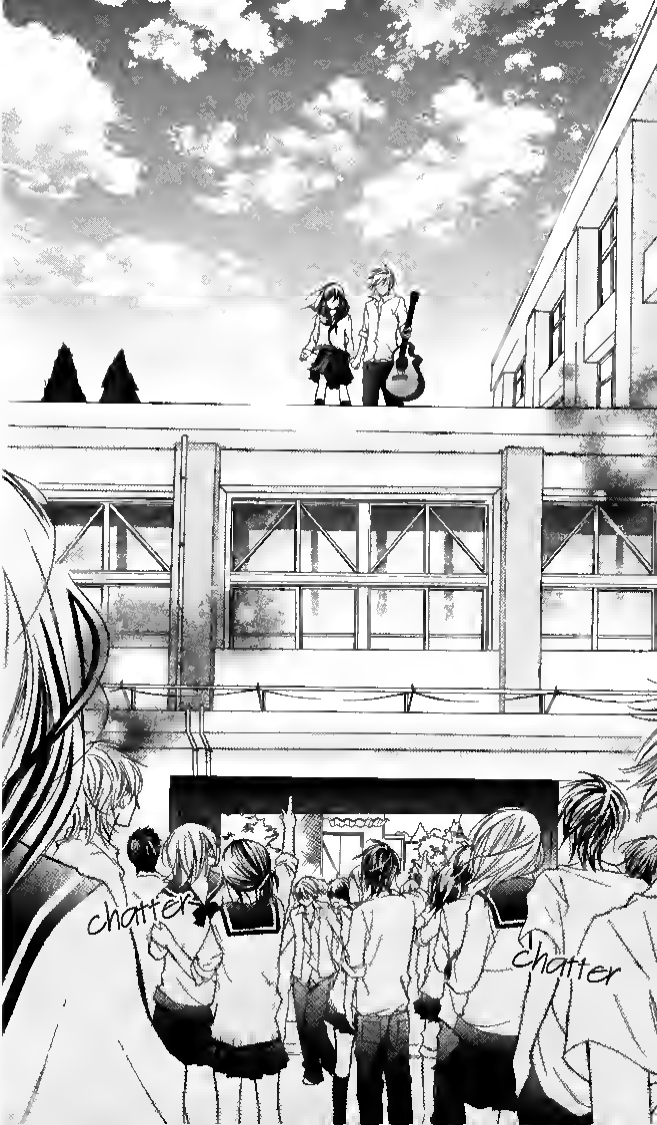
IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO CHANGE.
SHIO,
COME
EH?
TAKAGI-KUN...?!
Broadcast Room
SLAM
OFF
ON

NANAHARA SHIO FROM CLASS 2
AND ME, TAKAGI NAO, ARE GOING TO DO A SPECIAL NOONTIME LIVE
SO IF YOU WANT TO HEAR IT, COME TO THE CENTRAL COURTYARD

EH?

TURN OFF
EH?

I THINK THE ACOUSTICS CLUB HAD A GUITAR
I'LL JUST BORROW THIS FOR A SEC ..
grab
BUT IF WE DON'T DO THIS, NOTHING WILL CHANGE
YOU MIGHT CALL THIS SHOCK THERAPY
NO WAY
WAIT!


chatter
chatter

I CAN'T
I CAN'T SING...
IF YOU CAN'T SING, I WON'T FORCE YOU TO
BUT AT SCHOOL, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU.

IT'S TRUE, RIGHT?
EVEN IF I TOLD EVERYONE TO BE NICE TO YOU,
THAT WOULDN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM
FROM HERE ON OUT, IT'S SHIO'S TURN.

EVEN IF YOU'RE SCARED OF GETTING HURT,
IF YOU'RE SICK OF WHO YOU ARE RIGHT NOW,
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO CHANGE...

THEN TAKE A STEP FORWARD FOR YOURSELF!

I WROTE DOWN THE WORDS...
I COULDN'T SAY.
I WAS ALWAYS ALONE.
THINKING.
"WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF I COULD PUT THEM TO SONG, AND LET SOMEONE HEAR THEM SOMEDAY?"
BUT, IF I STOP HERE,

"SOMEDAY" WILL NEVER COME.
SQUEEZE
TAKAGI-KUN,
COULD YOU ACCOMPANY ME ON GUITAR?

EVEN IF I'M SCARED,
I'LL SING.
IF THERE'S A FUTURE I CAN CHANGE BEYOND THIS...

I'LL BE FINE.
BECAUSE,
I HAVE THE WING THAT TAKAGI-KUN HAS GIVEN ME.

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